First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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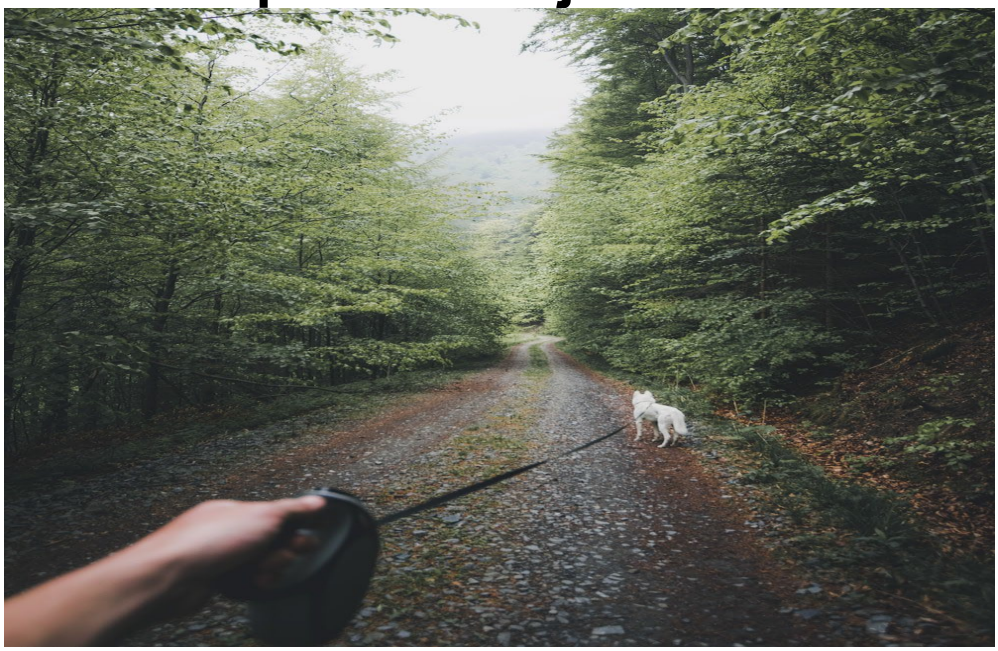
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



April 23, 2023
10:00 am

‘”On the Road to Emmaus”
Third Sunday of Easter

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"The Heart of Worship"

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
- The Worship Leader is **Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown**.
  - The Greeters are **Kiki Fugate**(Roomie) and **Jeanette Sherrill**(Zoomie).
  - Pastor Liz and Jeanette will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Step of the Way"
66 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Leader: You take us seriously,

People: You listen to our questions.

Leader: You walk alongside us,

People: You share our journeys.

Leader: You surprise us and bless us,

People: You fill us with wonder.

Leader: You call us together,

People: You call us to life.

HYMN — *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"I'll Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives"
234 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **I'm Gonna Speak** **JEANETTE SHERRILL**
A contemporary reading of Psalm 116:7

SECOND READING **Luke 24:13-35** **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"
241 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **Two Friends** **IVAN HARNER & MARTY KLEINO**
A contemporary reading of Luke 24: 13-33

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Hidden Christ. Reveal yourself to me.

Tear through the prejudices
which like a veil
wrap me round
and blind and deafen me
to your presence.

Shatter the arrogant assumptions
which define where and when I might expect to meet you.

Throw down the image I have made of you
which is, in reality,
my own image.

Then, when I am naked
and vulnerable
stripped of everything
but openness
send me out
to encounter you afresh
in the resurrection garden
of your world. Amen.

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **DAN KIDDER MCQUOWN**

Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus, who gave everything, even life itself, to proclaim God's inclusive love. Let us give with thanksgiving.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offeringplace on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"God Will Make a Way"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Don Moen

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ
in the proclamation of your love for all people.
May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences,
building up the body of Christ and
reaching out to the world with healing energy.
Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"
249 NCH

BENEDICTION *Microphone muted *Unison **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Leader: Open our eyes to see you amongst us,
People: Burn in our hearts and fill us with you.
Leader: Open our minds to the truth of your story,
People: Dance with us the journey of life.
Leader: Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart"

By Duke Ellington

CONVERSATION TO SHARE OUR THOUGHTS WITH EACH OTHER **DONNA EYSTER**

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

***Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Dan Kidder-McQuown, Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ATTRIBUTIONS FOR TODAY'S BULLETIN

- **Cover Art:** Marek Szturc in *Unsplash*
- **Call to Worship, Benediction:** Ruth Burgess in *Fire and Bread*
- **Readings:** *I'm Gonna Speak* by Marylyn Pagan-Banks , in *the words of her mouth,* ed. By Martha Spong; *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth,* Tom Gordon in *Fire and Bread,* ed. by Ruth Burgess
- **Message:** *Two Friends* by Jan Sutch Pickard in *Fire and Bread, ed by Ruth Burgess* ,
- **Disciples Prayer,** Pat Bennett in *Fire and Bread, ed by Ruth Burgess*
- **Offering Invitation, Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught by Love* (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: Worship Leader, Patty Sherwood; Greeters, Donna Eyster (Roomie) and **Dan Kidder-McQuown** (Zoomie).

Church Council meets this **Wednesday, April 19th, 7:00 PM,** on Zoom. All are welcome.

April 30 - Our Immigration Story. It was 15 years ago on Palm Sunday afternoon in 2008. Immigration enforcement officials and local police converge on a large immigrant community in Ypsilanti. Agents forced their way into homes; people were beaten, and many arrested. Melanie Harner was at one of those homes and will re-tell the story which led to the call for justice for our neighbors. She will share the WICIR (the interfaith coalition) journey moving forward and the continuing struggle to realize justice and peace for immigrants among us.

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings based on Susan Beaumont's book and bi-weekly Christian Contemplative Practices Sessions funded by our 2023 Vitality Grant have now concluded. Gratitude to all who participated and represented our larger faith community in this critical work during this liminal season of change, letting go, growth, and new possibilities. High levels of commitment and engagement to a collaborative, cooperative process of deep listening, prayer, meditation, and conversation have led to the creation of Ypsi UCC Mission, Vision and Values Statements unique to our small, but mighty congregation. These statements will serve to guide our church leadership's decision making, resource allocation, programming, and strategic planning processes as we move forward together to the abundant future God desires for us. In addition, they represent a positive asset for future grant applications from the UCC and external sources.

Ypsi UCC Mission Statement

Having received God's expansive and unconditional love, we act in ways to extend God's love and care locally and globally, striving for inclusion in all its forms.

Ypsi UCC Vision Statement

We aspire to be a community of faith that builds on the gift of God's expansive, unconditional love. We persistently strive, with many others, to find real life ways to creatively use God's powerful instrument of love. With God, we seek to shape a caring community where ALL people can live their best lives, comfortable in a sense of belonging, participation, safety, and abundance.

Ypsi UCC Values Statement

Inclusion. We seek to be a bold place to belong and a courageous spiritual home where all persons feel accepted. Our exuberant welcome is grounded in our UCC Open and Affirming Covenant celebrating everyone--including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, education, physical ability, cognitive ability, mental health, and spiritual or religious background. We embrace language inclusive of our understanding of God and of each other.

Equity. Committed to building equity in all systems, we take action by working for Justice, Peace, and Creation Care in our surrounding neighborhoods and the wider world. We are challenged to learn and grow spiritually**,** to be sent out to serve in a diverse variety of personal, vocational, and community social justice and leadership settings**,** according to our spiritual gifts and unique sense of God's call.

Caring. Guided by biblical Scripture and Jesus' vision of radical, counter-cultural love, we share kindness and compassion by responding with generosity and respect. We connect with others to build strong relationships based on mutual trust, authenticity, and integrity.

Resilience. Grounded in faith and hope in an abundant future, we persistently and organically rise to the challenges in front of us by cohesively pulling together in times of adversity and struggle.

Innovation. We embrace change with creativity and optimism trusting God to open new doors. We take informed risks to experiment with progressive novel ways to worship and serve that honor being in partnership with each other and with our wider community.

The Worship Team will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8. The remaining 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are June 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

Trauma Informed Care in Churches - for clergy and lay people

Trauma Informed Faith, Care, and Church
Thursday April 27 7-9 PM
A Webinar for the Michigan Conference U.C.C.
Featuring Dr. Mary Crnobori,
Coordinator for Trauma Informed Schools, Metro Nashville

In the face of a global pandemic, racial and social justice movements, acts of mass violence, political upheaval, and weather-related disasters, our communities need connection and hope more than ever before. Stress and trauma are pervasive in our high-paced, high-pressure modern society and, in the absence of essential protective factors, this can take a costly toll on our health and well-being. The impact on spiritual faith and faith communities cannot be underestimated either. Understanding and responding faithfully to the impact of this chronic trauma on us all is an essential element of ministry and a necessary component for the health of congregations and their settings.

In the first hour a comprehensive overview of trauma's impact including its effect on brain functioning and social emotional health will be presented.

In the second hour we will discuss practical strategies and offer models for church communities in trauma ministries.
A panel will feature MI UCC local pastors:
Rev. Rachael Bahr, Plymouth UCC, Grand Rapids
Rev. Liz Wilson, Immanuel UCC, Oxford
Rev. Lawrence Richardson, Salem UCC, Farmington

Click here to register:
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OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities experienced significant challenges as they struggled to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with

Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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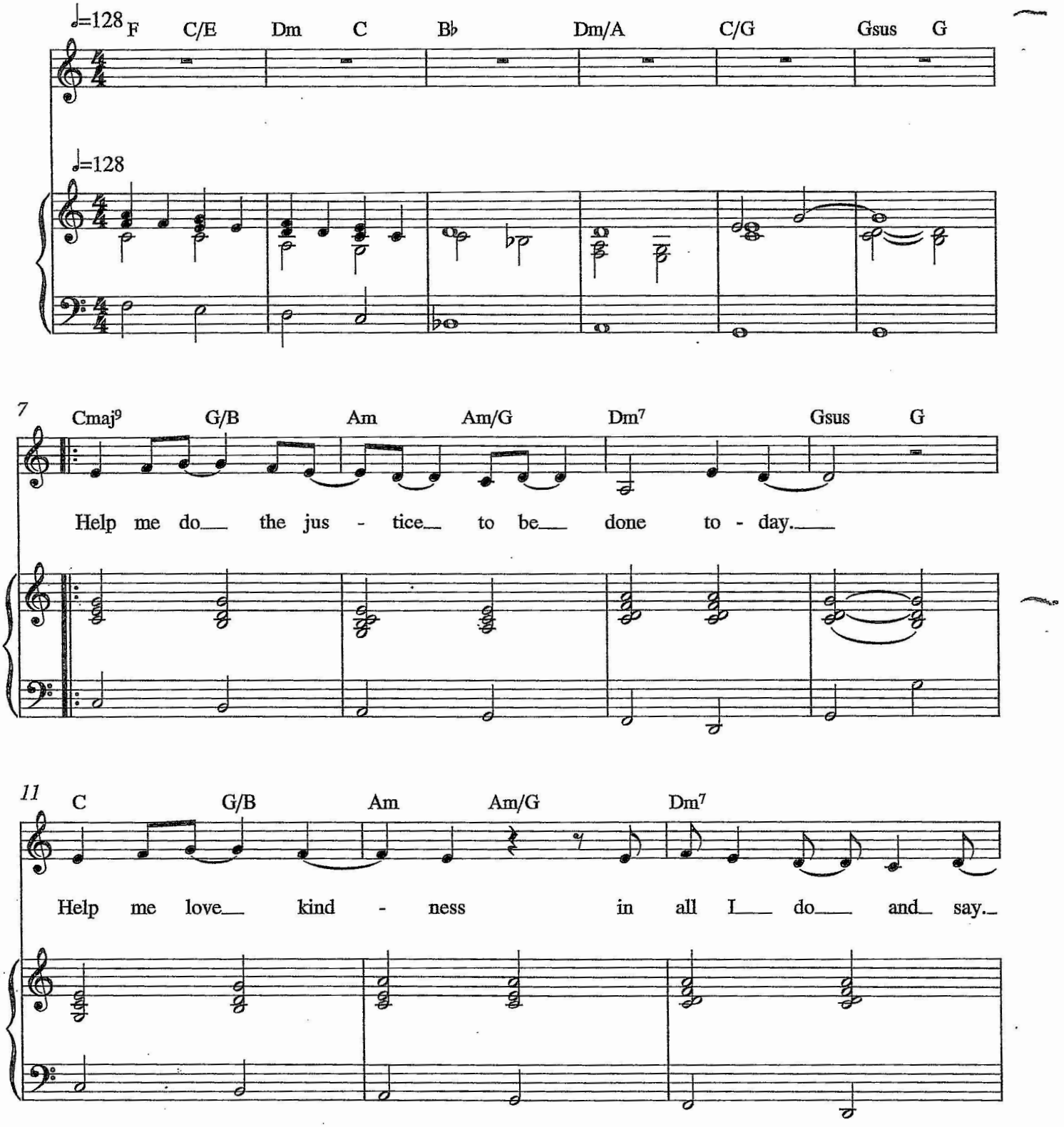
Every Step of the Way

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Help me do the jus - tice to be done to - day.
11 C G/B Am Am/G Dm7
Help me love kind - ness in all I do and say.

Words and Music: Christopher Grundy
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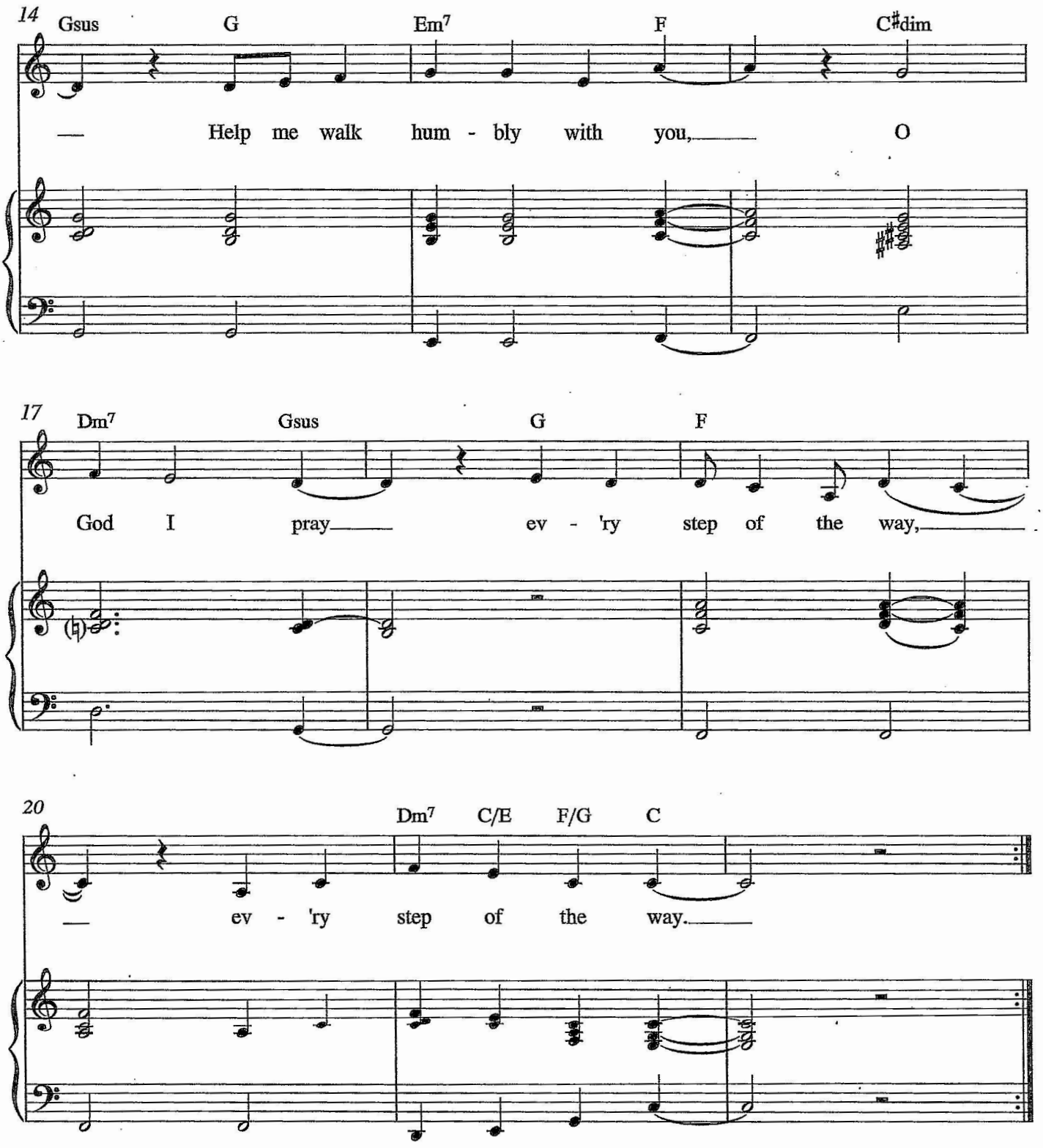
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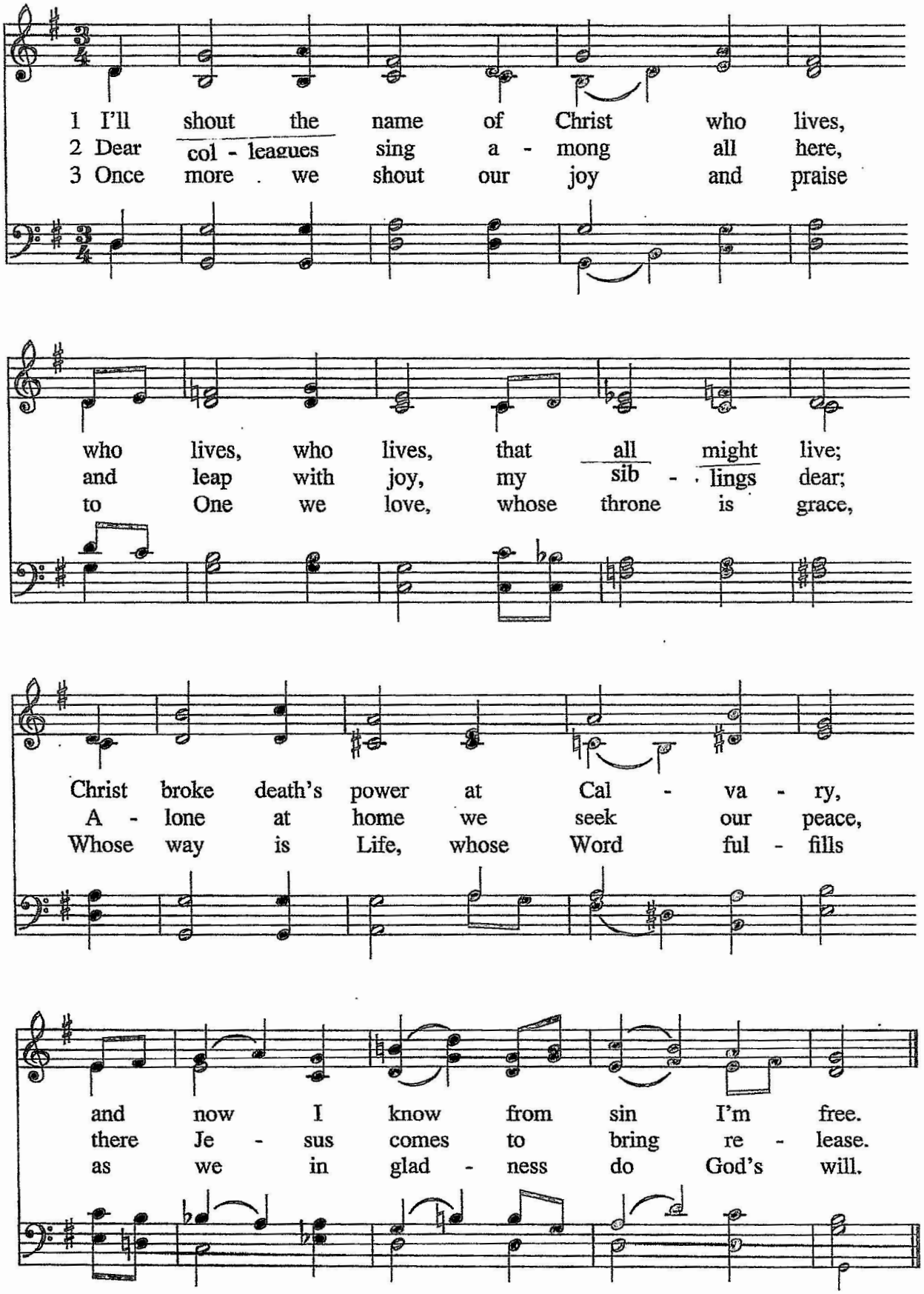
I'll Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives 234

Vivincio L. Vinluan, 1980; alt. *Rom. 6:5–11*

1 I'll shout the name of Christ who lives,
2 Dear col - leagues sing a - mong all here,
3 Once more we shout our joy and praise
who lives, who lives, that all might live;
and leap with joy, my sib - lings dear;
to One we love, whose throne is grace,
Christ broke death's power at Cal - va - ry,
A - lone at home we seek our peace,
Whose way is Life, whose Word ful - fills
and now I know from sin I'm free.
there Je - sus comes to bring re - lease.
as we in glad - ness do God's will.

This contemporary Filipino hymn incorporates a musical motive from a traditional folk song, "Bahay Kubo." It was published in the 1983 collection of Asian-American hymns, Hymns from the Four Winds, *edited by I-to Loh.*

Tune: BAHAY KUBO L.M.
Wesley Tactay Tabayoyong, 1981
Based on a Philippine folk song

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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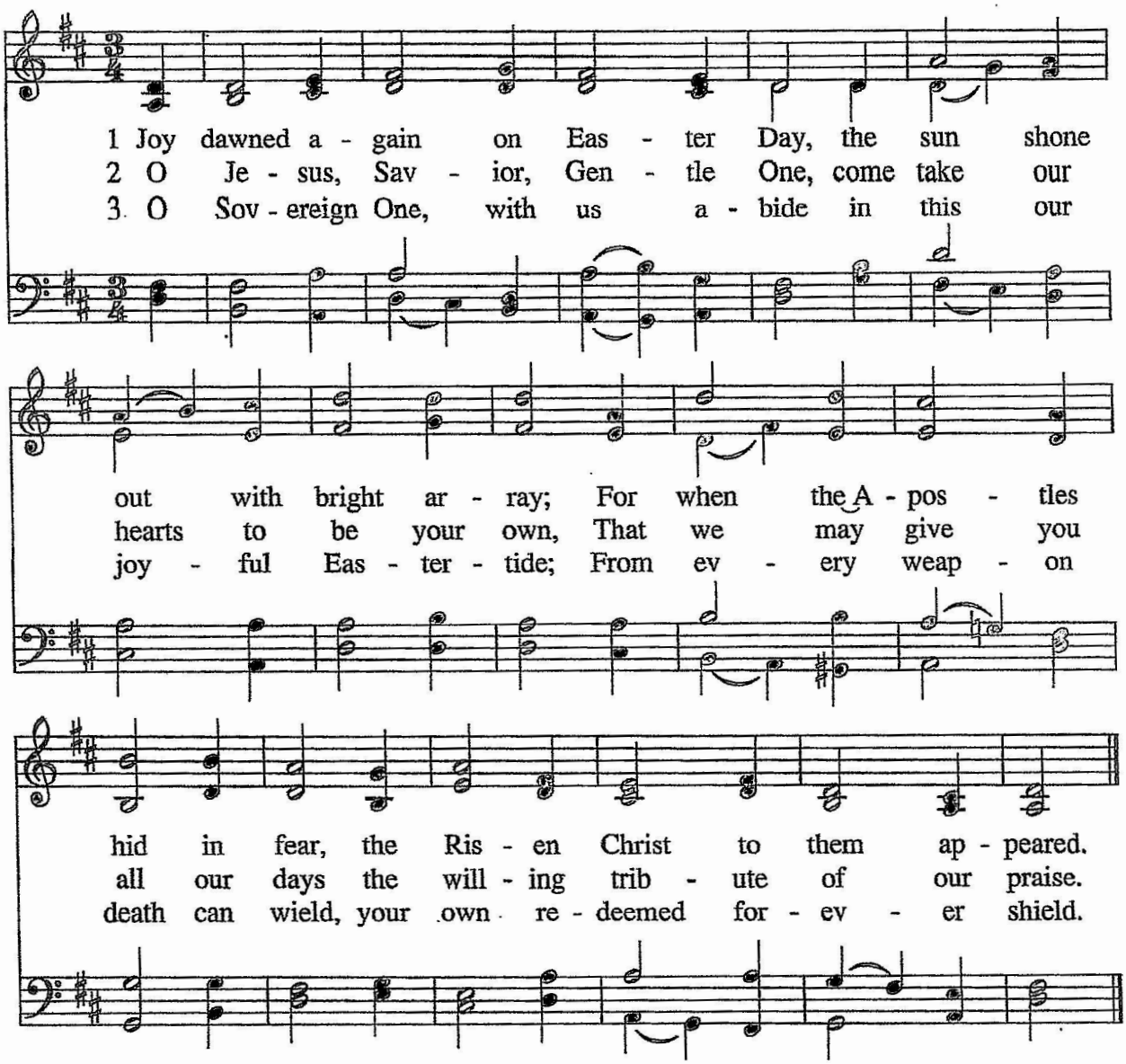
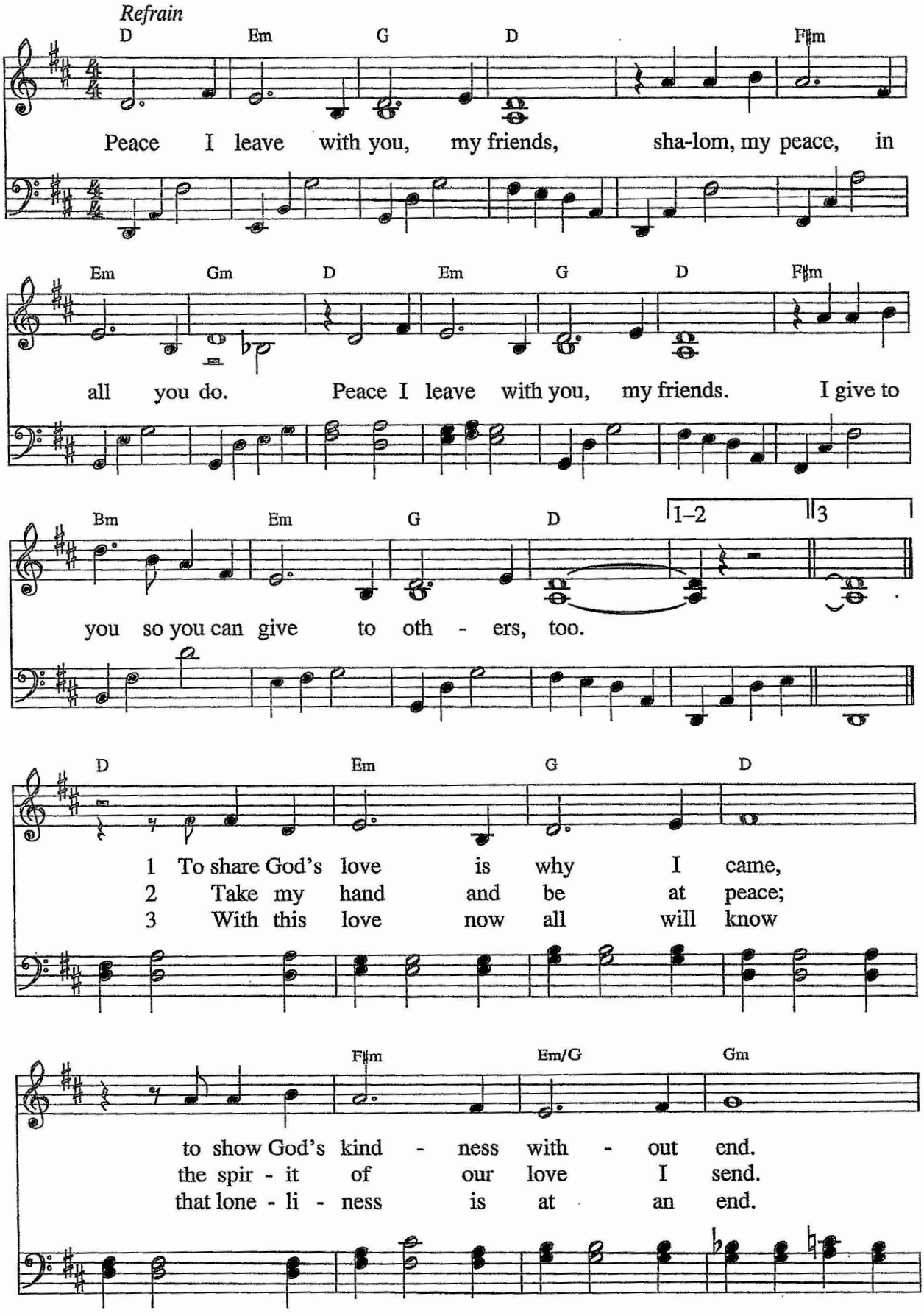
Latin, c. 5th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36–37

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our
out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on
hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

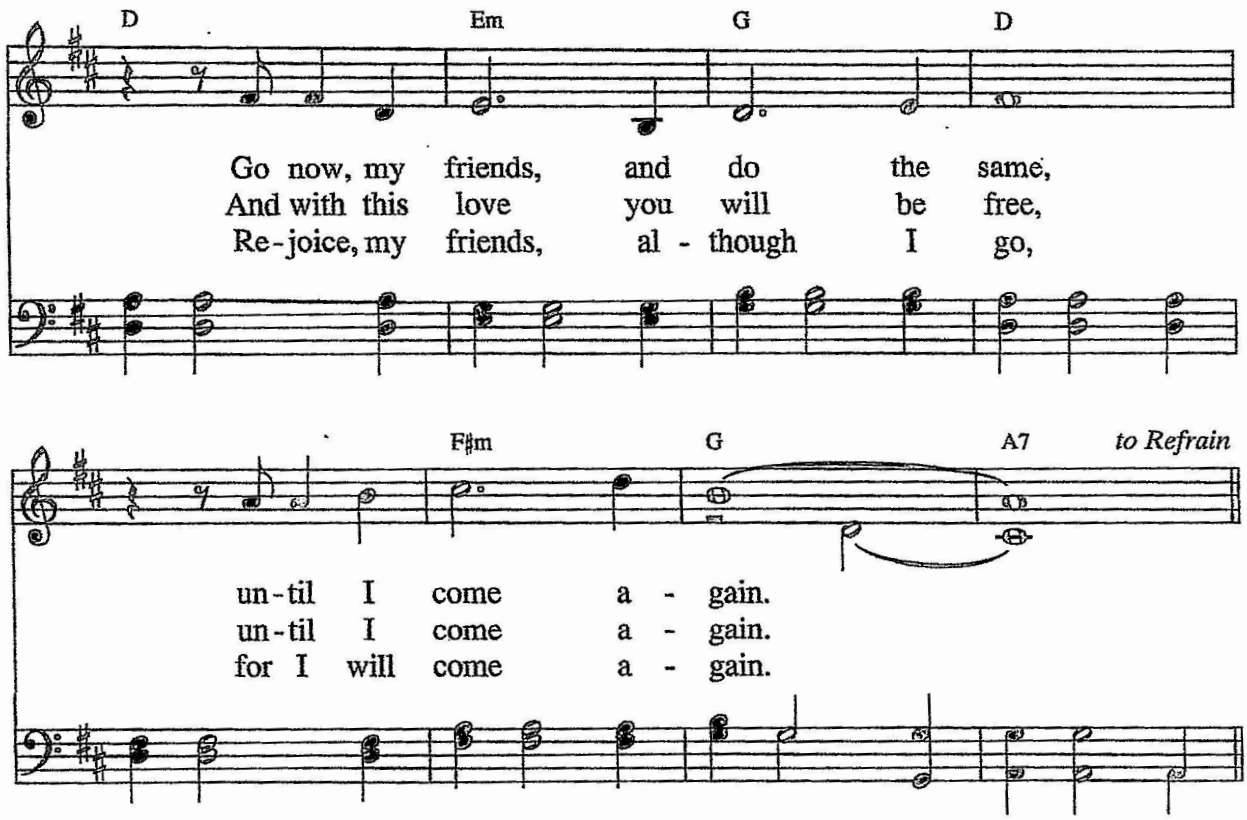
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
German carol, 15th century
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

249 Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18–29 *Ray Repp, 1967*

Refrain
D Em G D F♯m
Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in
Em Gm D Em G D F♯m
all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to
Bm Em G D 1–2 3
you so you can give to oth - ers, too.
D Em G D
1 To share God's love is why I came,
2 Take my hand and be at peace;
3 With this love now all will know
F♯m Em/G Gm
to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
the spir - it of our love I send.
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
Ray Repp, 1967
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, *1994*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Em
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Go now, my friends, and do the same,
And with this love you will be free,
Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,
F♯m
G
A7
to Refrain
un-til I come a - gain.
un-til I come a - gain.
for I will come a - gain.